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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture Series at the University of New Hampshire continues Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, when sociologist Beth Richie discusses violence against women with respect to race, class or other social designations. This year's series focuses on violence against women, beginning from a discussion of the theoretical, legal and social impact of the work of Andrea Dworkin.

All lectures are Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building's Theatre II. Lectures, free and open to the public, will be followed by facilitated dialogues run by and for men, women, and all people.

A sociologist and head of the Department of African American Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Richie's work addresses the ways that race/ethnicity and social position affect women's experience of violence, focusing on the experiences of African American battered women and sexual assault survivors and prisons. Her books include *Compelled to Crime: The Gender Entrapment of Black Battered Women* and *Black Women, Male Violence, and the Build-Up of a Prison Nation*.

Dworkin, who died just over a year ago, was one of the first to name the issue of violence against women in the 1970s and to make clear it was not a personal, individual matter, but a societal, systemic issue that needed to be discussed publicly. Thirty years later, it is still an issue in need of discussion.

"Andrea Dworkin's central contribution was to challenge America on the issue of violence against women," said Marla Brettschneider, associate professor of political science and women's studies at UNH and coordinator of the series. "She bequeathed a tremendous legacy to the movement – her life and her writing – but there are still many issues that she wasn't able to get to and that's what we'll explore over this next year. We'll explore her legacy by addressing its power and limitations."

For a complete list of the Sidore lectures or to learn about related programs and courses, visit <http://www.unh.edu/humanities-center/sidore/sidore.htm>.